





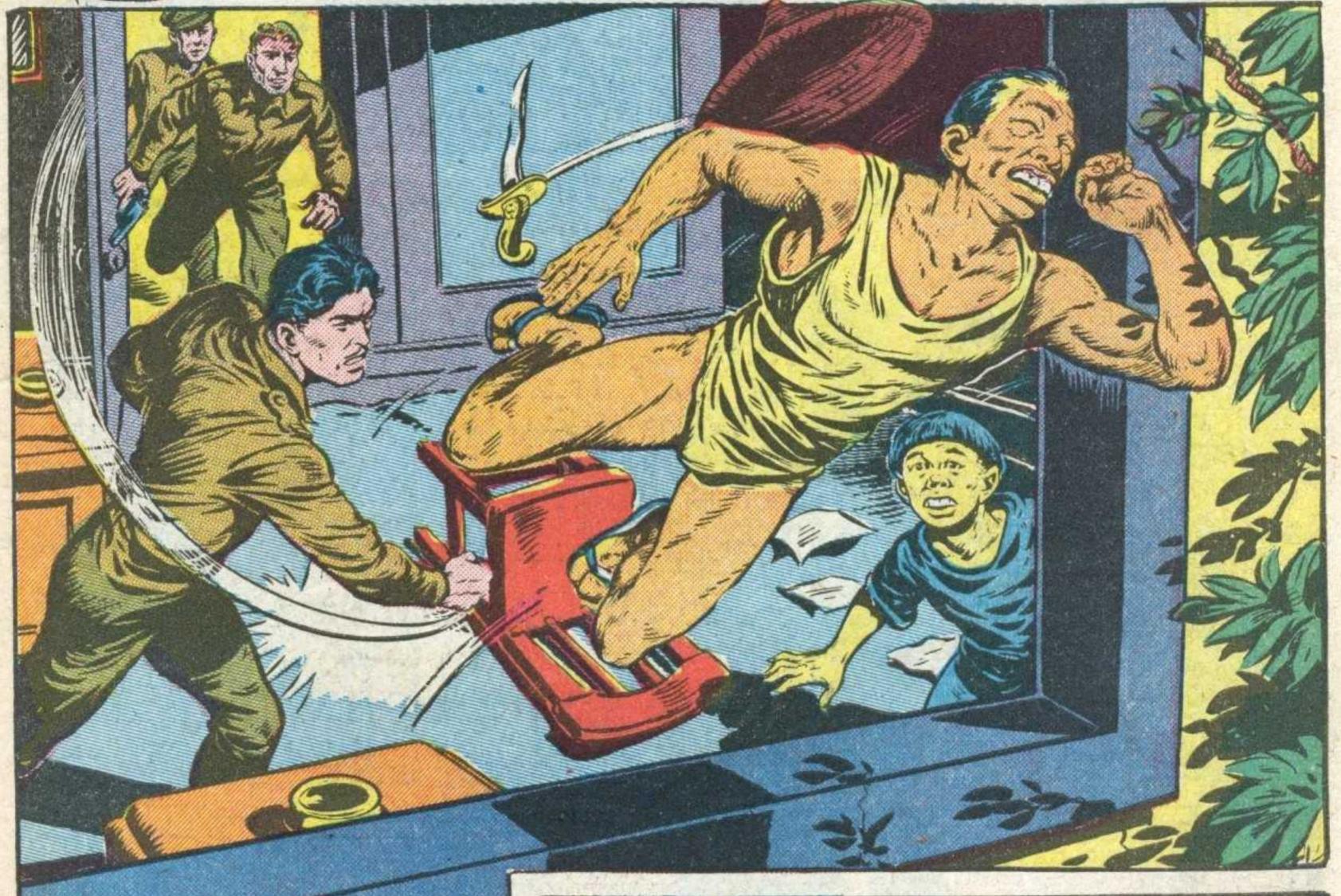
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"KING of the SKY TRAILS"



MID-NIGHT AT A REMOTE CHINESE-AMERICAN AIRBASE ... MYSTERIOUS FIGURES LURKING IN THE SHADOWS OF THE SURROUND-ING JUNGLE! A SCREAM, SHOTS IN THE NIGHT, AND A DIABOLICAL PLOT UNFOLDS! -THIS IS THE SETTING FOR CAPTAIN AERO'S MEETING

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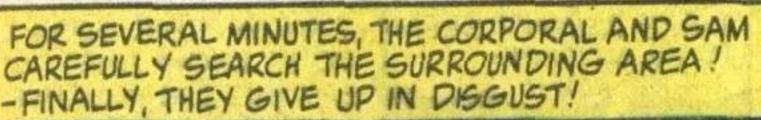








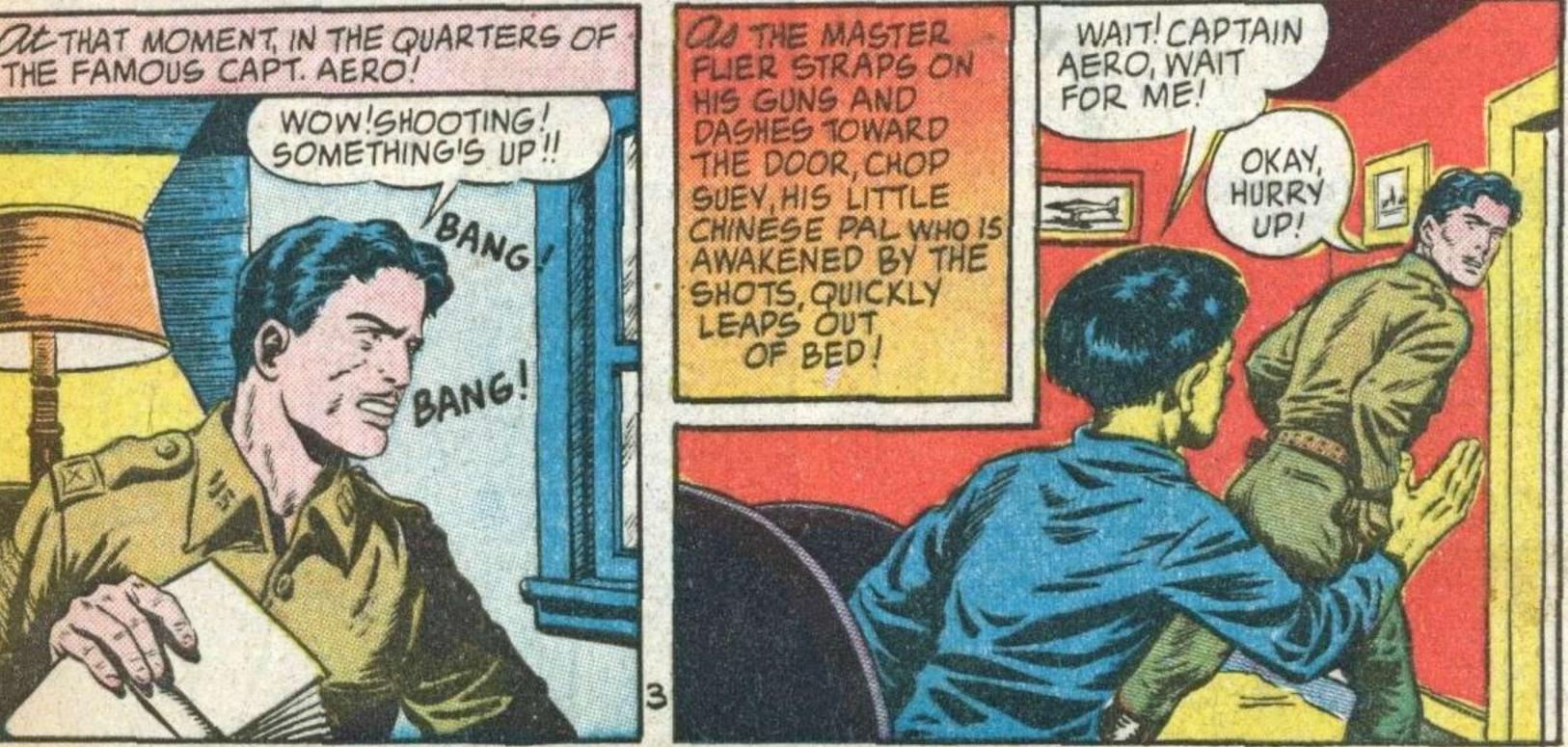














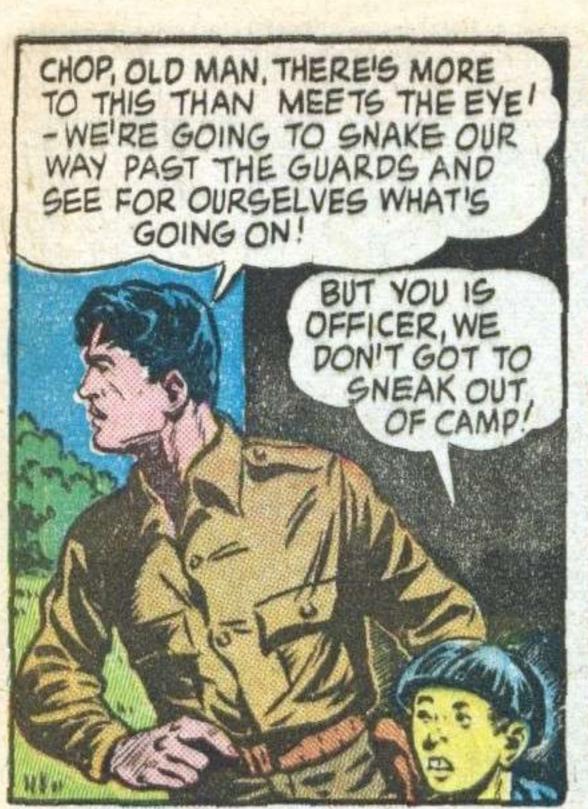
















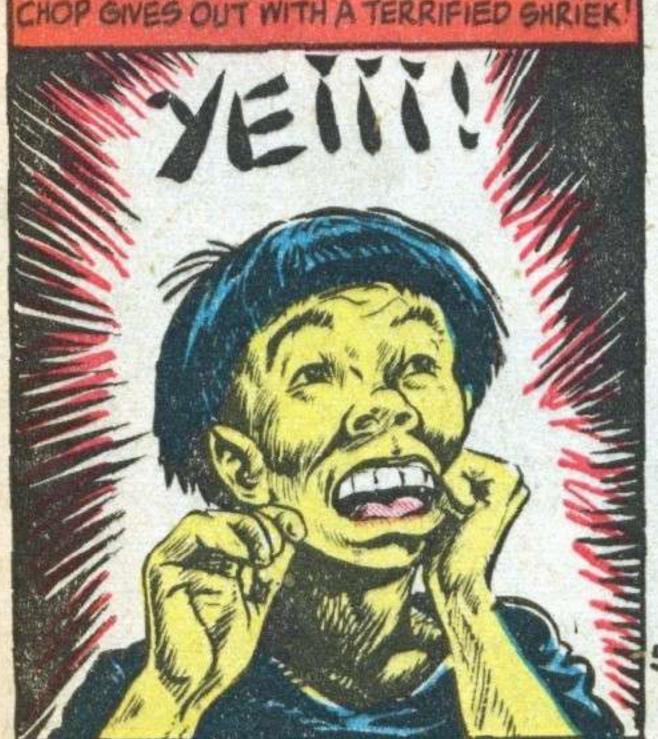
GAUTIOUSLY THE GREAT FLYER





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FRIGHTENED ALMOST OUT OF HIS WITS, THE LITTLE CHINESE RACES WILDLY AWAY!



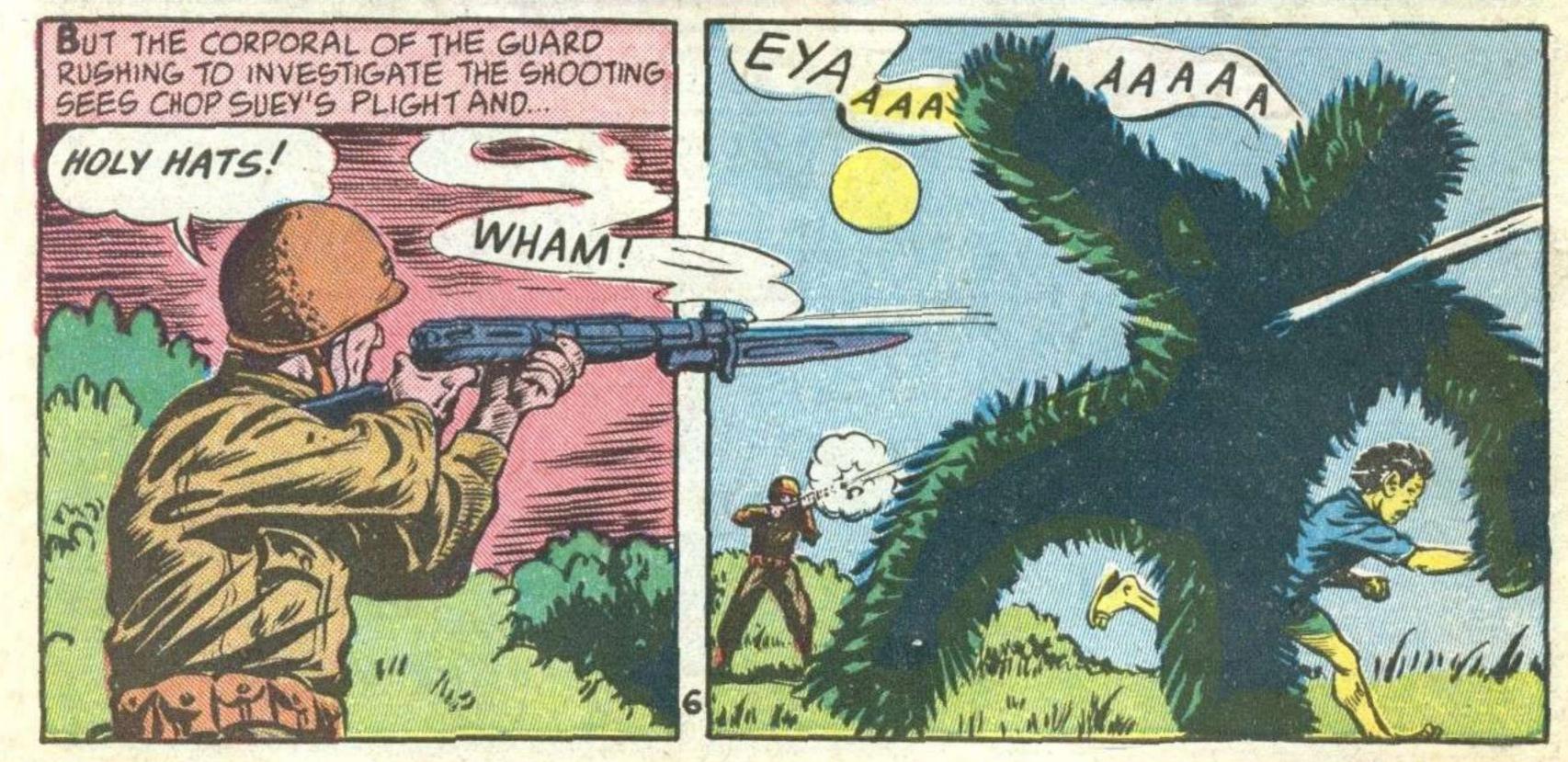


TURNING IN HIS FLIGHT TO SEE HOW AERO IS MAKING OUT, HIS HEART ALMOST POPS OUT OF HIS MOUTH!









THEM AS THE BELEAGUERED MASTER FLYER FIRES HIS LAST SHOT AND STARTS SLUGGING, THE GUARD ARRIVES AND WITH FLASHING BAYONETS JOIN IN THE FRAY!













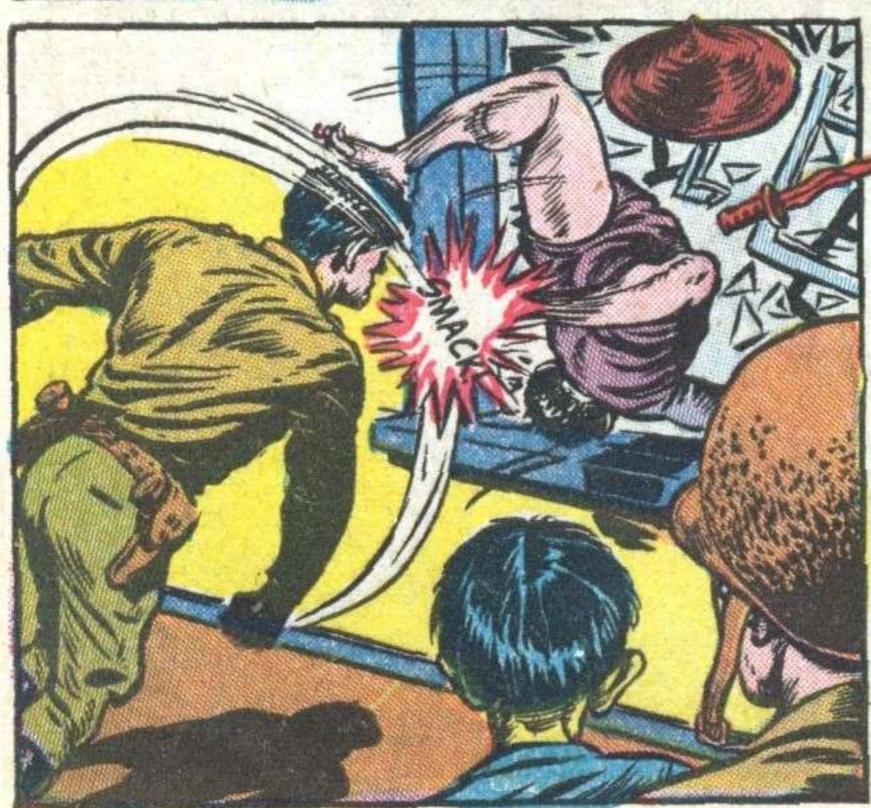
FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS GREAT MYSTERY PLANE LENDS WINGS TO AERO'S FEET AND HE QUICKLY OUT-DISTANCES HIS COMPANIONS IN A MAD DASH TO THE HANGARS!











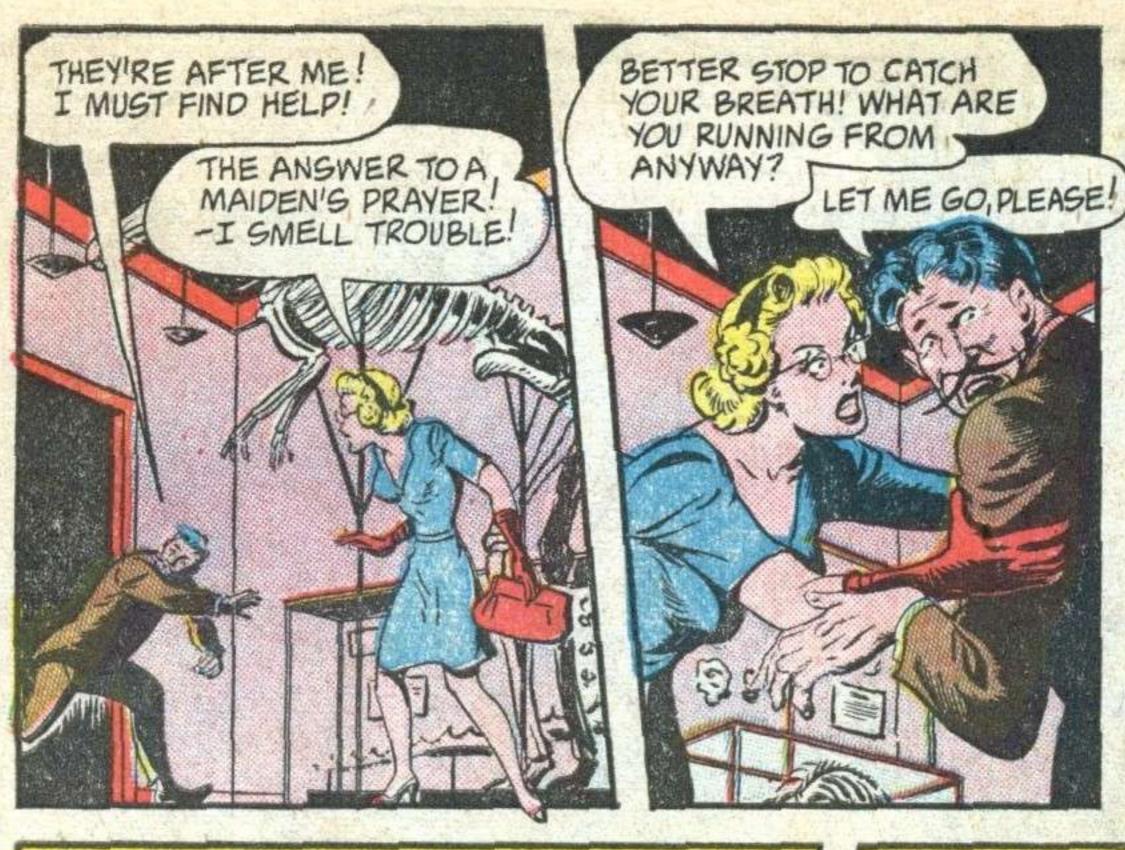


GREAT MASTER FLYER AGAIN TAKES TO THE

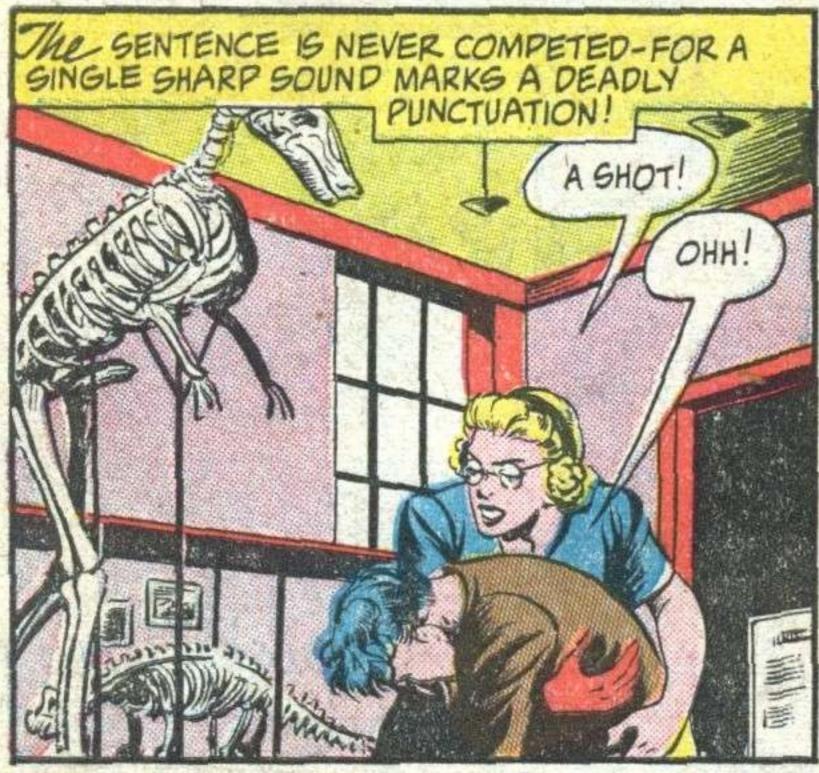
AIR IN ANOTHER THRILLING BATTLE FOR

SUPREMACY OF THE SKIES WHEN HE ENCOUNTERS THE JAPANESE SANDMAN!









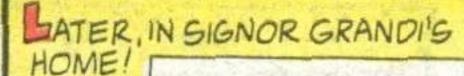












THIS IS A REMARKABLE
DOCUMENT! UNDOUBTEDLY IN
THE HANDWRITING OF LEONARDO DA VINCI... BUT PART OF
THE

PAPER IS MISSING! A MAN WAS MURDERED BECAUSE OF IT! WHAT DOES



IT IS A CHEMICAL FORMULA!

-I CANNOT TELL YOU MORE
THAN THAT! THE COMPLETE
FORMULA WILL NEVER BE
KNOWN UNTIL THE MISSING
HALF OF THE PAPER IS
FOUND!

IN THAT CAGE, DR.
HOGHEMA KILLED FOR
NO PURPOSE! HE RIGKED EVERYTHING
FOR A UGELESS
SCRAP OF
PAPER!















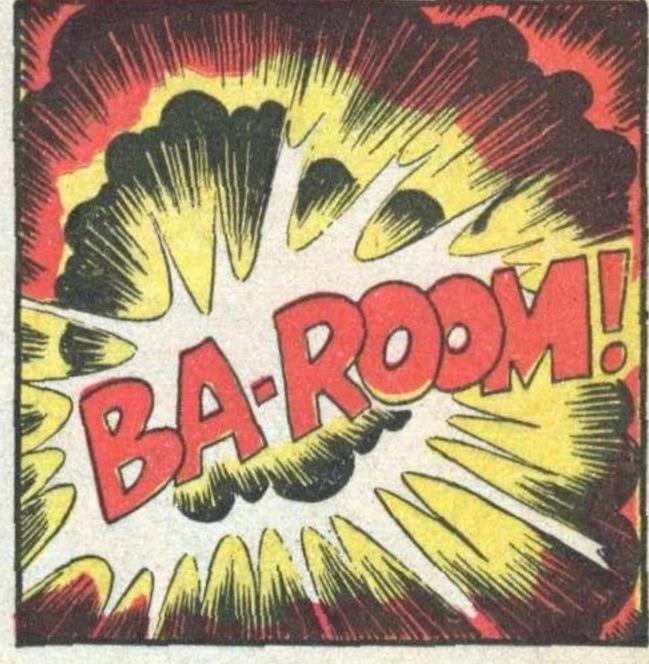


























WHILE A FEW MILES OUTSIDE THE TOWN, RED CROSS CONSULTS MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL STAFF ...

WE WERE FORCED TO ABANDON THE TOWN, TOO QUICKLY TO CARRY OUT THE WOUNDED! IT'S INHUMAN TO LEAVE THEM TO THE JAPS!

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'LL FIND SOME WAY TO GIVE THEM TREAT-MENTS AND SUPPLIES!



A SHORT TIME LATER, HOSPITAL TRUCKS MOVE IN A SLOW PROCESSION TOWARD THE WALLED CITY ---



MEANNHILE A JAP COMMANDER LOOKS THEOLIGH HIS BINGCULARS

THEY ARE RED CROSS TRUCKS! THEY MUST BE ALLOWED TO ENTER!

YES! THEY SHALL ENTER! BUT WHO THEY WILL











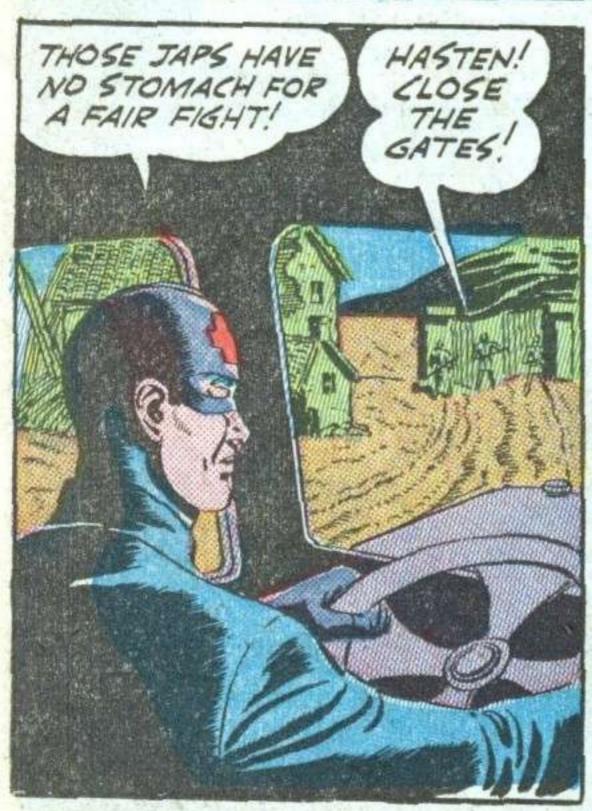






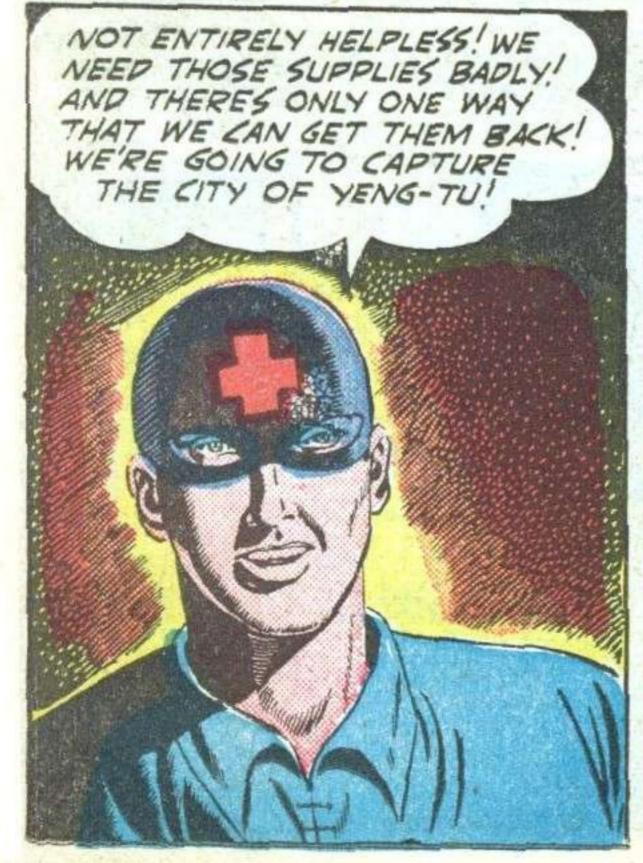














LADEN RIVER CRAFTS MOVE DOWN THE RIVER INTO

YENG-TU, AS THOUGH IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION!

A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE WALLED











SOON A VIOLENT BATTLE RAGES BY THE

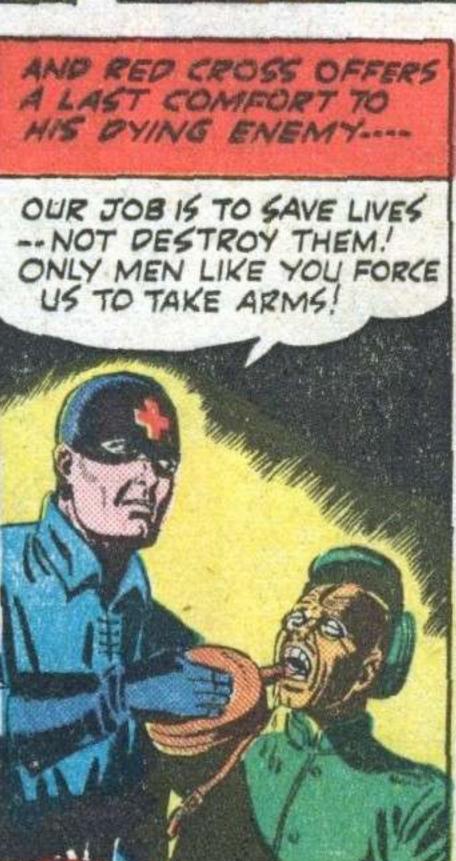
CITY ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER













GOOD BYE!





PERHAPS WE'LL MEET



DESPITE THE GREAT DANGERS, THE NEW FREIGHT LINE WAS AN INSTANT SUCCESS!
-BETTER PLANES AND MORE PILOTS WERE GECURED! IT CHANGED IT'S NAME TO—
THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND. THESE ARE THE FLYING BOXCARS! THEN
DURING THE WINTER OF 1943





















TWO DAYS LATER, CORPORAL HUFFMAN FOUND THE VILLAGE ALSO. THEN LATE THE SAME DAY, BILL PERRAM, THE ENGINEER WAS BROUGHT IN HE HAD BRUIGED HIS LEG-THE ONLY CASUALTY. THE NATIVES TREATED THE FLIERS ROYALLY AND GAVE THEM WARM CLOTHES. THEN...



LHASA TO
ASSAM? HOLY
COW, THAT'S
A TWO MONTH
TRIP!
BUT WE'LL
MAKE IT
IN LESS!

RANGANG IS THERE!HE

HORSES TO TAKE

WILL FURNISH GUIDES AND

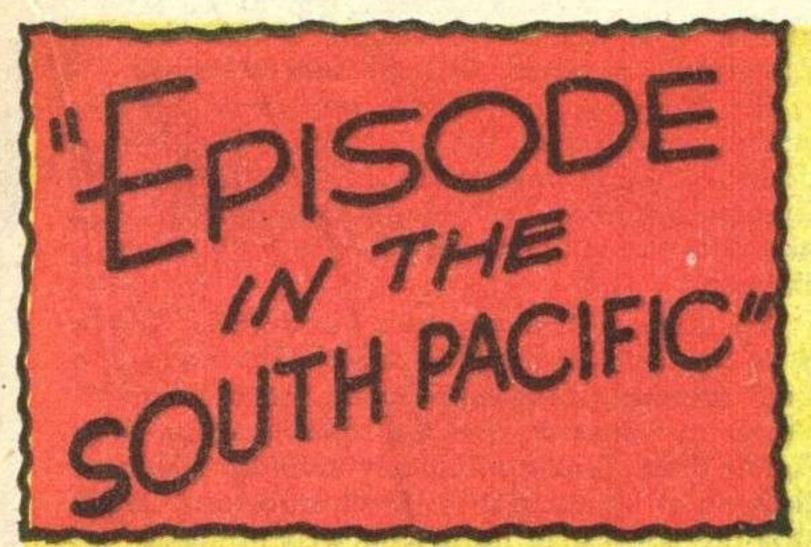
ON THE TRAIL ... THE GUIDE SAYS BRR ... AND WE WILL HIT I USED TO THE BASE IN THINK IT WAS COLD A MONTH IF WE CAN BACK HOME KEEP UP IN QUINCY THIS SPEED! MASS. - BUT I WAS WRONG



50 30 DAYS LATER, THAT BAND OF INTREPID U.S. FLIERS REACHED THEIR BASE PRETTY WELL USED UP, BUT ANXIOUS TO FLY MORE CARGO TO CHINA!



SUCH IS THE SPIRIT THAT HAS WON FOR THE MEN OF THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND IN CHINA A CITATION FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT!



A red tropical dawn came in on the heels of a whirling all-night storm, casting an ominous reflection over the tiny Pacific island. Shattered cocoanut trees and limp broken remnants of what had been colored follage littered the steaming, soaking terrain,

A few sounds filtered over the morning stillness. The "caw-caw" of some distant wild bird in flight, dronings of strange reptiles from the murky swamps, rustling noises in the soaking grass. Overhead, the hot sun was preparing to come through and scorch the earth with its steady, maddening heat.

No human was in sight — that is, at first glance.

But hidden in a clump of tough mango trees. bent with the ferocity of last night's gale, was a strange sight. A Flying Fortress intact, protected by lashings to the trees, sat bolt upright in the midst of all this wild primitive upheaval.

Within the huge ship, five men were eating a warm, nourishing ration breakfast around a regulation stove. One of them glanced through the window on the pilot's side.

"Think we ought to risk it. Lieutenant?" he asked. "It's cleared up and the sun's coming out."

Lieutenant Tom Mitchell, tanned, tall, and twenty-five, shook his head.

"Better that we wait." he answered. "There's no telling when they'll come back to see what happened to us. Their dawn patrols are probably out, anyway."

No sooner had he spoken these words, when they heard the drone of motors. The young lieutenant peered through the opening in the patch of lashed down trees.

"It's them, all right," he announced. "Zero's ... there's at least six of 'em circling all around here. Keep low-and keep quiet."

The men assumed comfortable positions and

waited. The drones would come nearer and nearer, only to disappear and return again louder and louder. One of the men shook his head.

"If they spot us," he said. "It'll be over but FAST!"

Lieutenant Mitchell smiled. "I don't think so." he said. "From up there, this island must look like a mess. I don't think they've spotted us. They've been up there too long. We would have got strated long ago. There's more than

one bunch of broken trees around here. I think they believe we've been blown out to sea along with everything else around here."

The Zeros' drones taded away and didn't come back. The lieutenant opened the door of the huge plane and signalled for the others to come out with him.

Dawn was approaching now with a faster tempo. In a few more minutes the blood-hot heat of morning would be on them. They would have to work fast.

"All right, fellows," ordered the young flying officer. "let's go. Let's see if we can get old Fried Egg in circulation again. Unloosen those ropes."

A short time later they had cleared the tropical camouflage surrounding the giant ship. Sergeant Pyle came forward to make his report.

"No damage, Lieutenant," he said, smiling. "You did a swell job in bringing her down. But, getting her up again-" he shook his head slowly.

Mitchell playfully punched him in the shoulder.

"Cut it out. Pyle," he laughed. "What goes down can go up. We've GOT to do it. What shall we do, spend the rest of our lives on this forsaken island when we've got a good ship. plenty of gas and plenty of GUTS? We'll clear a runway, and take off just as if we were back at the base. Come on!!!"

The crew gathered around him as he lit a cigarette, and he called them all by name: "Pyle, Winiaski, Dolan, Bergman, Greenough, Van Horn. Listen, boys, I know this sounds silly but we're going to take a vote on it, anyway. Our chances of getting the Fried Egg off the ground are pretty slim. There's only two things to do. The first is to stay here, shoot a few flares and take the chance of being picked up by someone-Yanks or Nips - or no one. The second," here he paused and inhaled deeply—"the second is to be a credit to the wings we wear, and every last man of us doing our job with all the skill that we ever picked up, and to get this plane up in the air. I'll let you decide which you prefer to do. As for me-I'm going to get this baby in the air even if I have to do it by myself. Think it over, and tell me what you've decided."

Sergeant Bergman stepped forward instantly. "Lieutenant," he said. "You don't have to ask us anything like that. Whatever you're willing to risk, we are. It's better to be rubbed out in our own ship than to be strafed by the squints, or starve to death in this dump. We're for you one hundred percent!"

There was a tense silence, then everyone burst out in uncontrolled laughter. The seriousness of the young sergeant standing there in nothing but a pair of dirty G.I. shorts, delivering this ovation in the heat of morning, released everyone's pent-up emotion.

They ganged up on their officer, spat on their hands, and scanned the skies.

"What are we waitin' for?" demanded Sergeant Van Horn. "Before we know it, it'll be how ter'n Hades here — and those brown monkies

might come back and look us up again."

Lieutenant Mitchell smiled. "Good boys," he said briefly. "Now." he continued, "the first thing is to clear some kind of a path for the Fried Egg to toddle along. I hope I haven't forgotten some stunts I learned in the States about getting these crates off terra firma. We've get to go to work — and HOW!"

With knives and axes they cleared all the debris away from the big plane, and Lieutenant Mitchell charted an imaginary line from her belly to the beachhead.

Lieutenant Winiaski, the navigator, scratched his head when they came to the sandy beach.

"I dunno, Tom," he said. "It's a pretty short space for the Fried Egg to take off. And these cocoanut trees — that's BAD. I doubt whether we can clear the tops of 'em...."

His brother officer studied the treetops intently. "Yes, we can," he said. "I'll show you how when we're ready to get off this sweatbox of an island."

Time flew by too swiftly. Before the men knew it, mid-day was upon them, and the heat was getting unbearable. They had succeeded in clearing a path from the ship to the beachhead. Lieutenant Mitchell went over their work with a fine tooth comb.

"Think she'll take it?" asked Sergeant Greenough. "The Fried Egg ain't exactly a lightweight, you know."

The young officer shrugged. "I've seen worse spots," he answered.

By two o'clock everything was in readiness for the flight. A meal was prepared, and the crew sat around and ate in the blazing heat.

"Boy!" exclaimed Sergeant Van Horn. "ANY-PLACE is better than this hole. I've never felt

Soon they were all at their places in the plane.
The Fried Egg's four motors came to a sputtering

life, then roared sweetly. Lieutenant Mitchell spoke into his phone.

"Yes, SIR, Lieutenant!"

"Those cocoanut trees—" he ordered to bellygunner Dolan. "Take off the tops of 'em with your .50's. I don't think we'll clear 'em if we don't!

Staccato blasts filled the early afternoon air, and the trained eyes of Dolan aimed volleys of hot slugs at the motionless treetops. The crew looked on.

As if by magic, several precious feet of space was made available. The tops of the cocoanut trees went careening crazily in all directions as the machine guns chattered their whining screeches of destruction.

The Fried Egg started.

First, she lumbered a little like some giant bird unable to understand why it was locked in such a tight cage. Then she gathered speed and started moving, swiftly and surely towards the beachhead.

The young lieutenant's cheek bones stood out as he grimly held the controls of his ship. His life, the lives of his men, and the responsibility

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of this big flying device were now in his hands. The crew was silent. No one said a word.

The Fried Egg went faster and faster, her four motors churning up the hot tropical air. Navigator Winiaski peered straight ahead intently. Gunner Bergman looked out through his post station at the whizzing terrain going by at a terrific clip.

The thought in everyone's mind was, "When is he going to lift her? When?" They saw the trees coming closer and closer, the beachhead nearer and nearer, and the waters of the blue Pacific didn't look particularly inviting. Winiaski glanced at Lieutenant Mitchell, and read in his face the saga of a man who was going to get everything possible out of the ship before he pulled her up into the sky. Then his eyes went back to the trees coming at them with the speed of an express train.

Then the Fried Egg lifted itself off the manmade runway — just a little gingery at first, but definitely. She went higher and higher. Her wheels folded underneath, and the young commanding officer spoke into his 'phone. "Here we go, boys," he said. "Wish me luck!"

There was a tremendous uplift pressure as the Fried Egg literally jumped into the heavens. Bergman closed his eyes. A scraping noise appeared out of nowhere, and disappeared. They were flying! The Fried Egg came through again!

Everyone looked at each other and smiled. This boy Mitchell was slated to be a captain soon. That was certain. His uncanny handling of this big mechanical bird was unheard of in the annals of flying. They'd have plenty to talk about when they got back to their base.

Suddenly, Lieutenant Mitchell grew tense. He literally barked into his 'phone. "Zerosl" he grated. "A whole flock of 'em! Get ready... we're going to climb and take care of 'em!"

The crew was quickly on the alert. Each man took his place for the coming battle. There was no more fear. There was no show of nervous apprehension because a bomber might not clear some cocoanut tree. There was no worry as before, of being forced down on some lonely forgotten island because of a tropical storm. Instead, there was the prospect of a rattling good fight—to the death perhaps, but wasn't that what they were there for—to battle the enemy, and defeat him?

Lieutenant Tom Mitchell smiled when he saw the Nipponese ships square off for the attack. He felt happy as a matter of fact. This battle would finish the day off beautifully for him and his men. He counted eight Zeros. He knew that they'd get at least six before the other two would scoot away. That was the trouble with the little brown pilots—they never would have sense enough to stay away from the Fried Egg. She was too proud a ship to be shot down by laps. Her's would be a ripe old age, and a tradition in the bomber squadron, The young officer smiled again as he saw them coming. "Come on, chumps," he said. "Come and get it—and help us shorten this war!"



QUE STORY OPENS IN CLAMM'S HUGE DEPARTMENT STORE AS TEENA AND MICKY (THE MIGHTY MITE) ARE OUT ONA SHOPPING EXPEDITION!















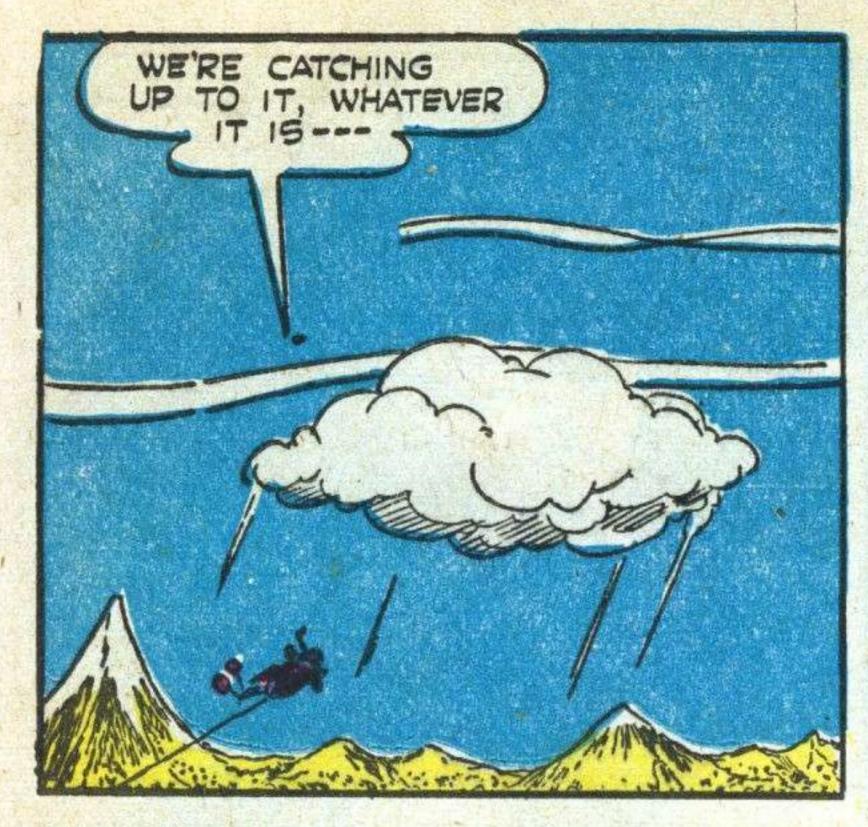
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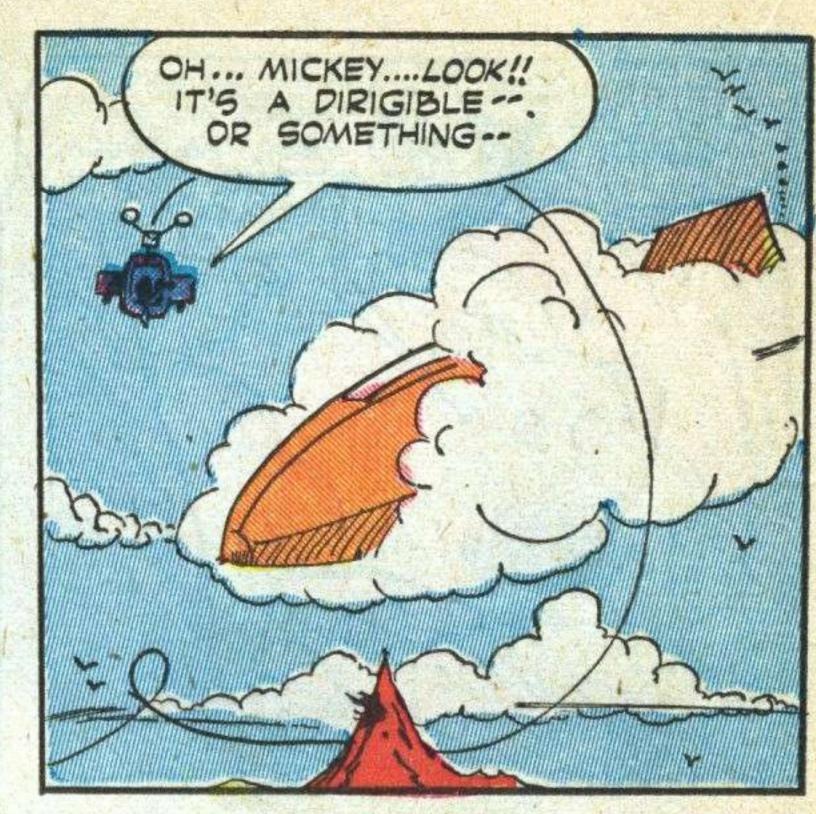


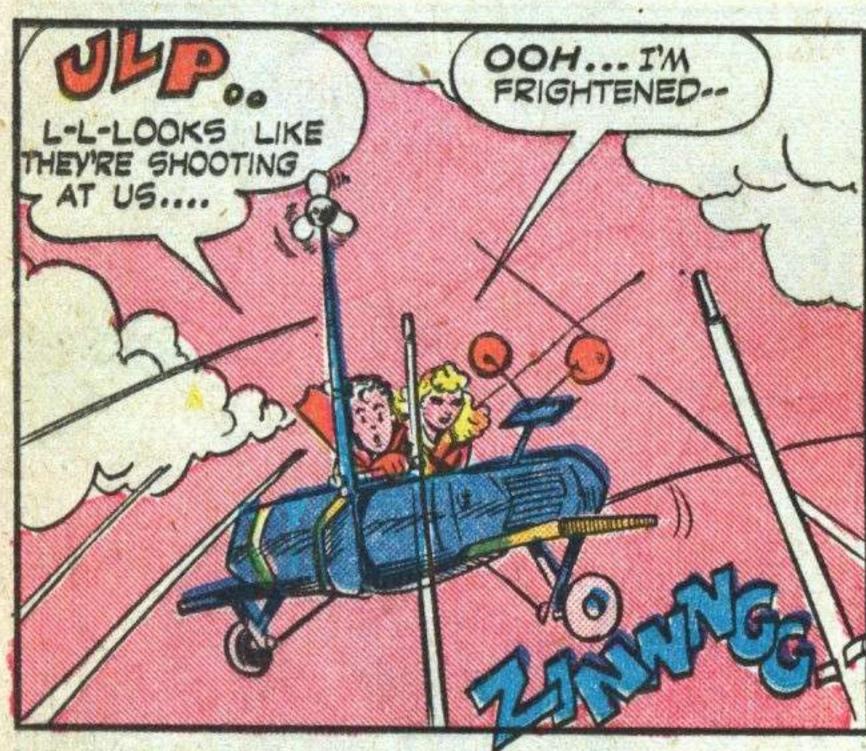


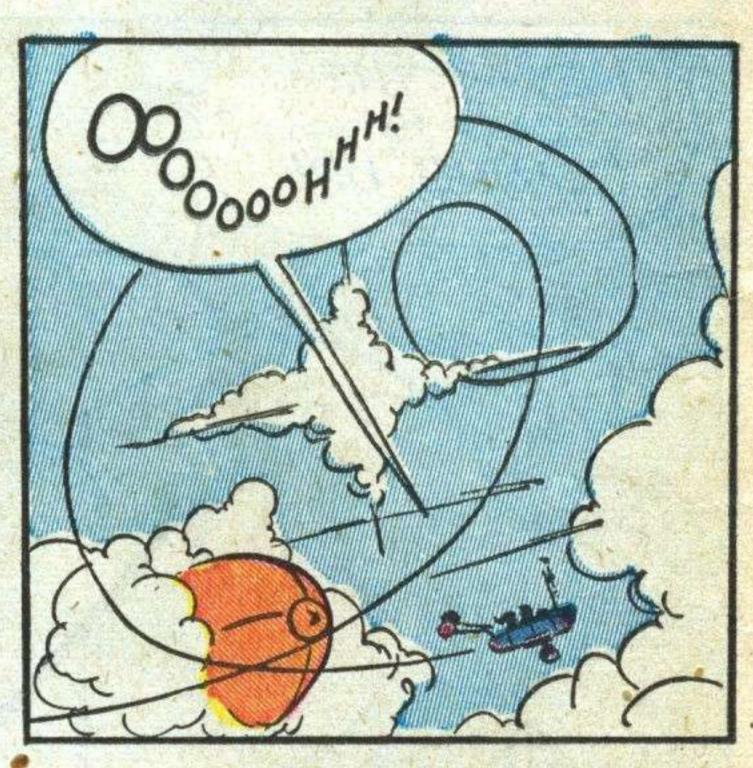


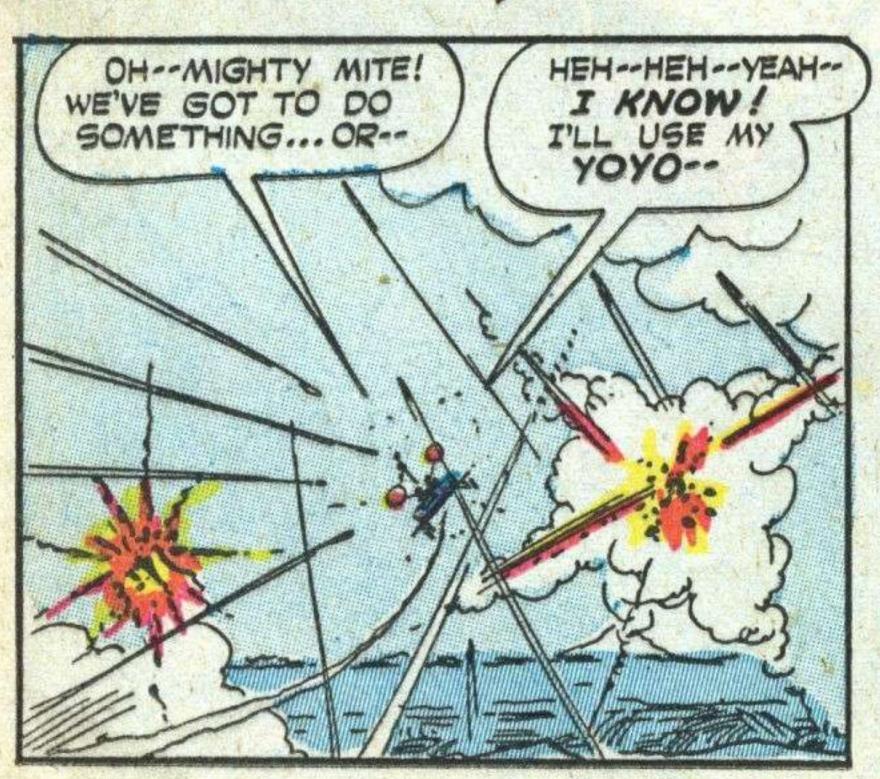


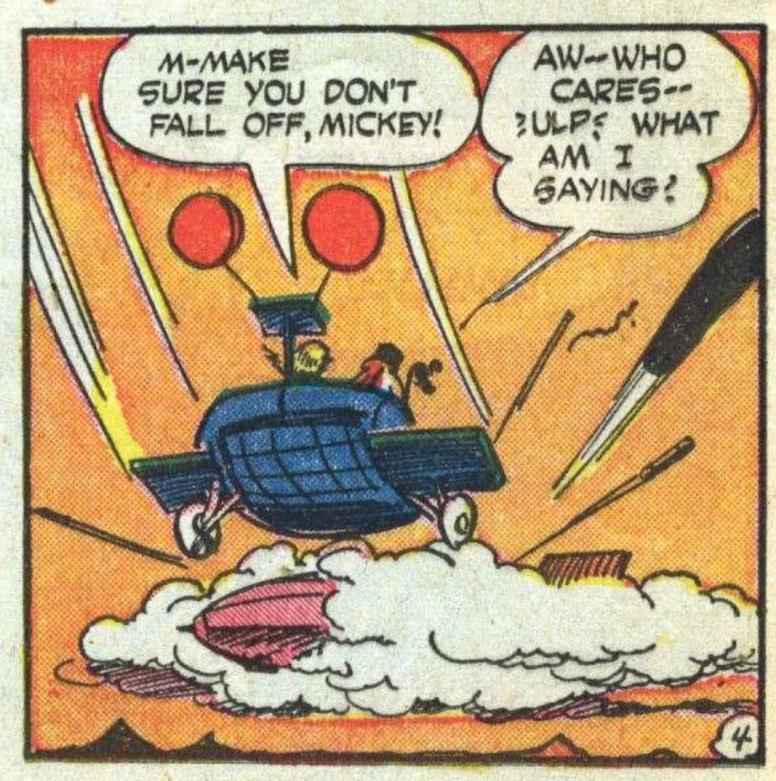


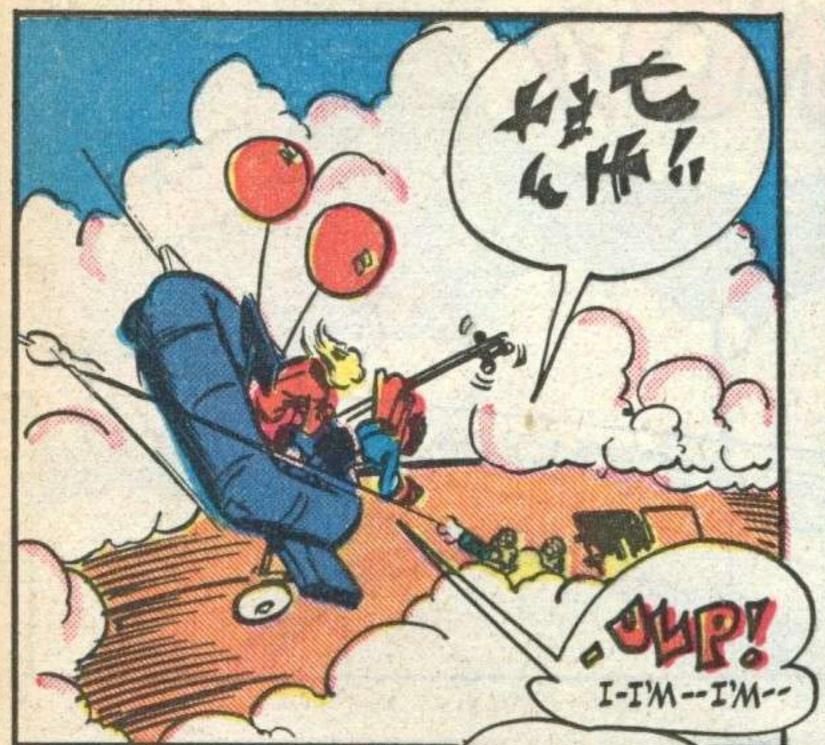




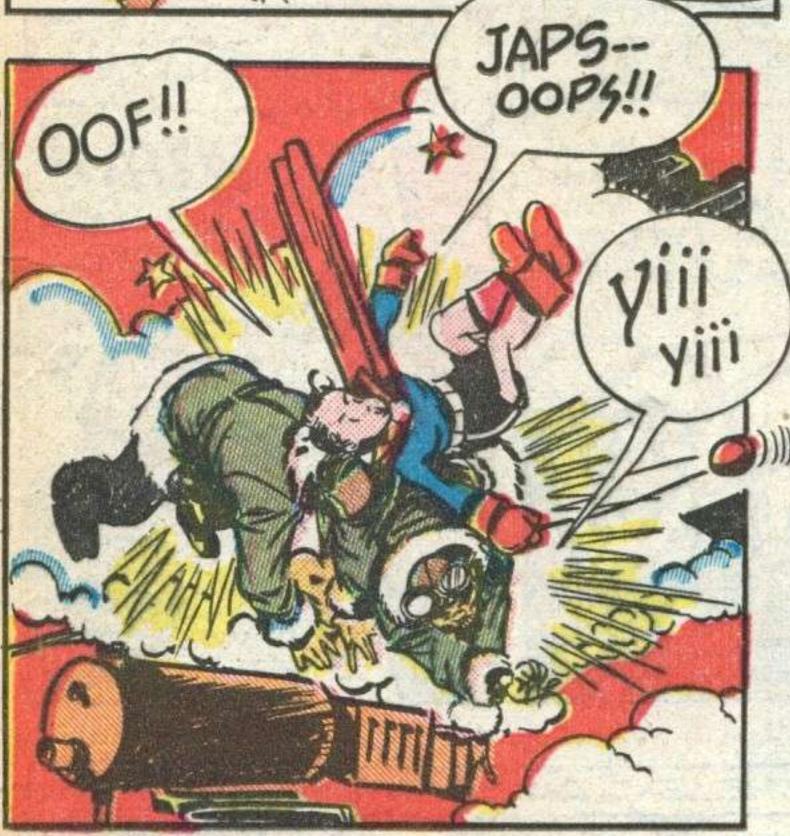




















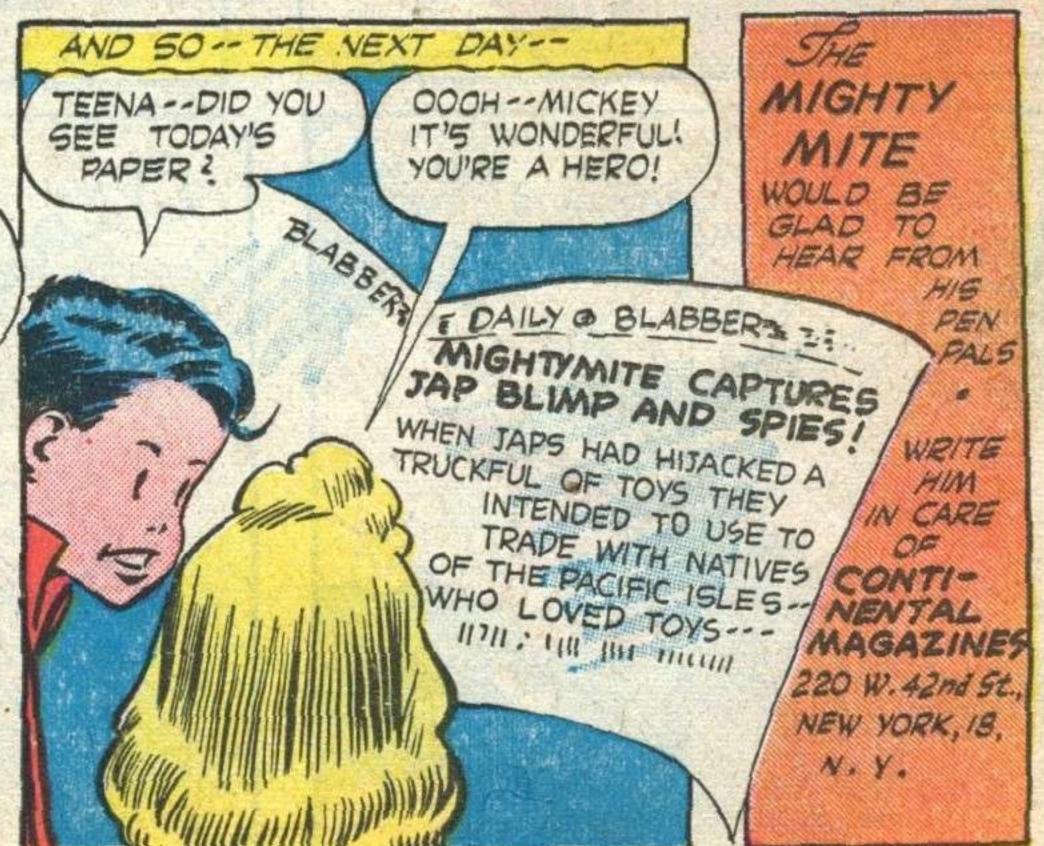








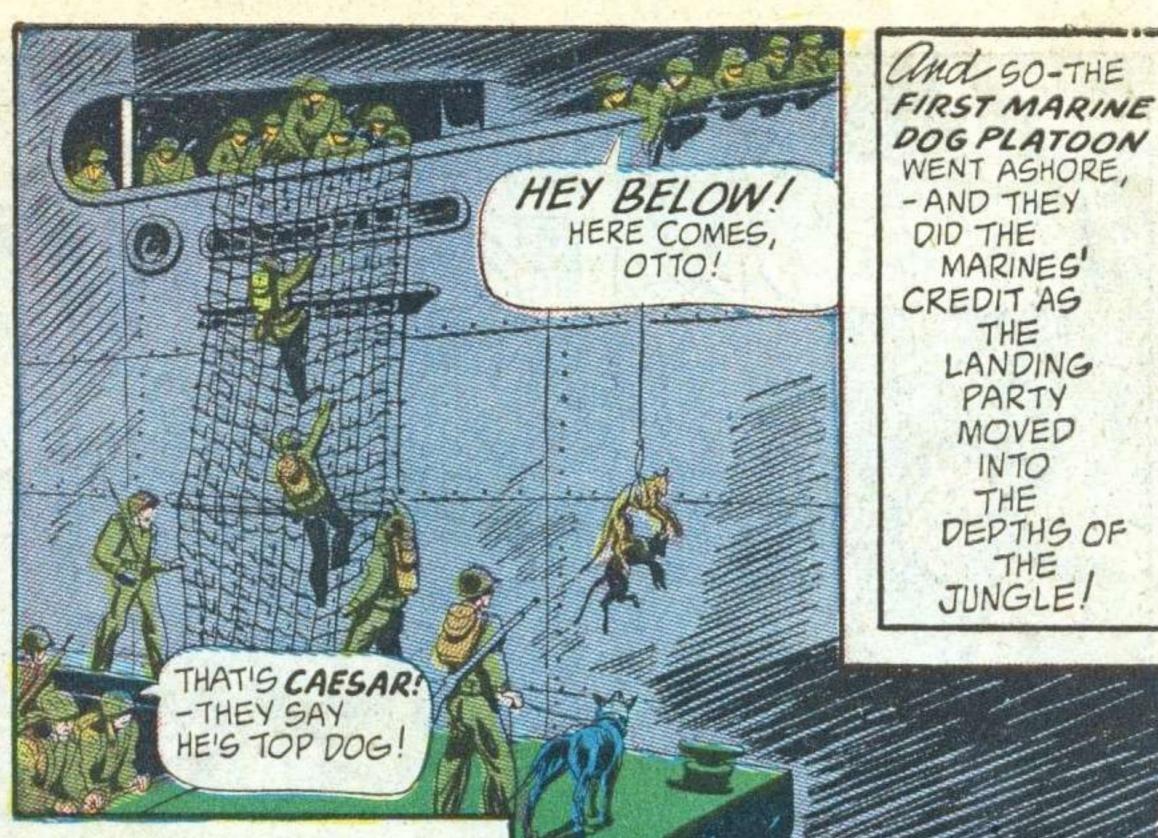








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SO FOR TWO DAYS
AND NIGHTS, CAESAR
TOOK CARE OF ALL
COMMUNICATIONS!
ENEMY FIRE COULDN'T
STOP HIM! THE
MESSAGES WENT
THROUGH TO HEADQUARTERS! ON
THE THIRD DAY-SOO
YARDS BEYOND
THE
AMERICAN
OUTERLINE...



CAEGAR SMELLS A JAP! BE READY FOR ANYTHING, PETE!







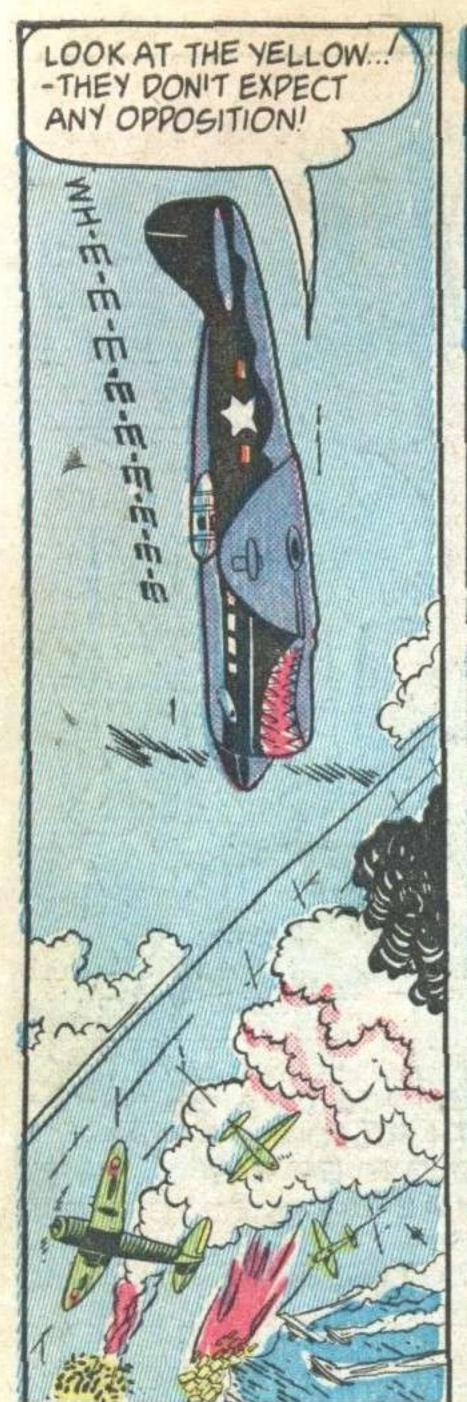


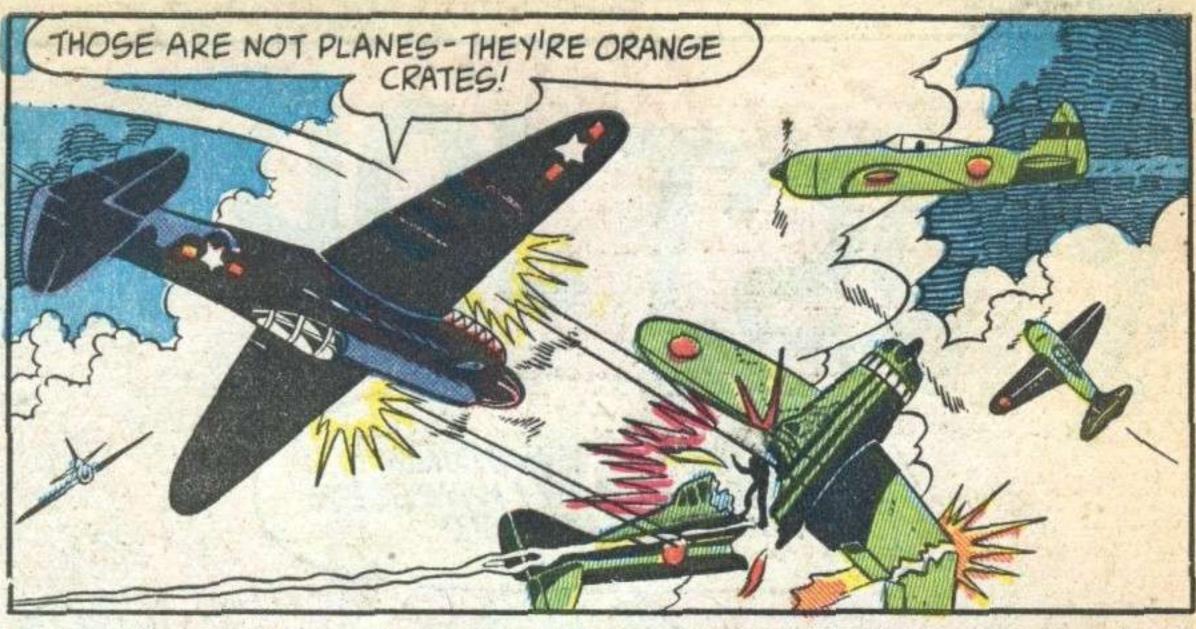




















The End















JUST THEN, THE SKY SCOUTS SPOT THE

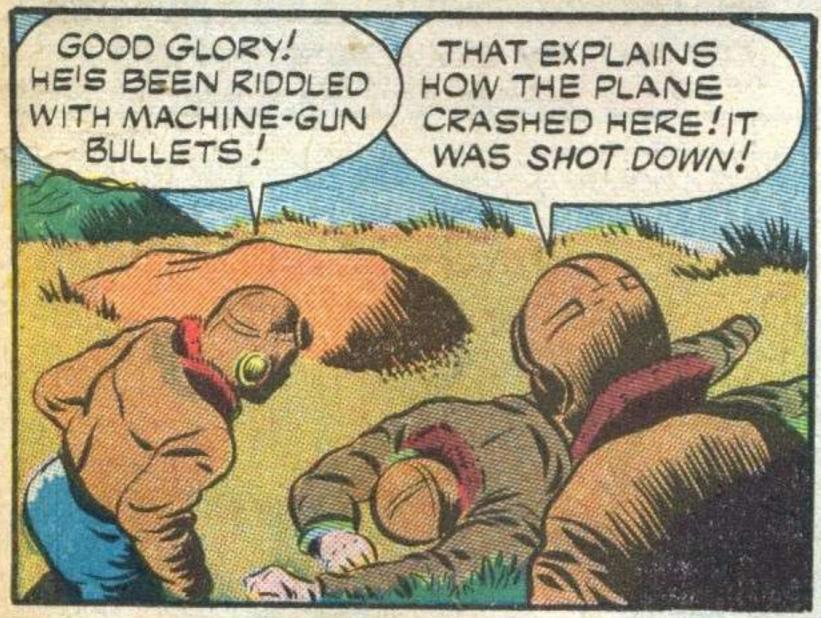
CRUMPLED MASS OF TWISTED STEEL THAT MARKS





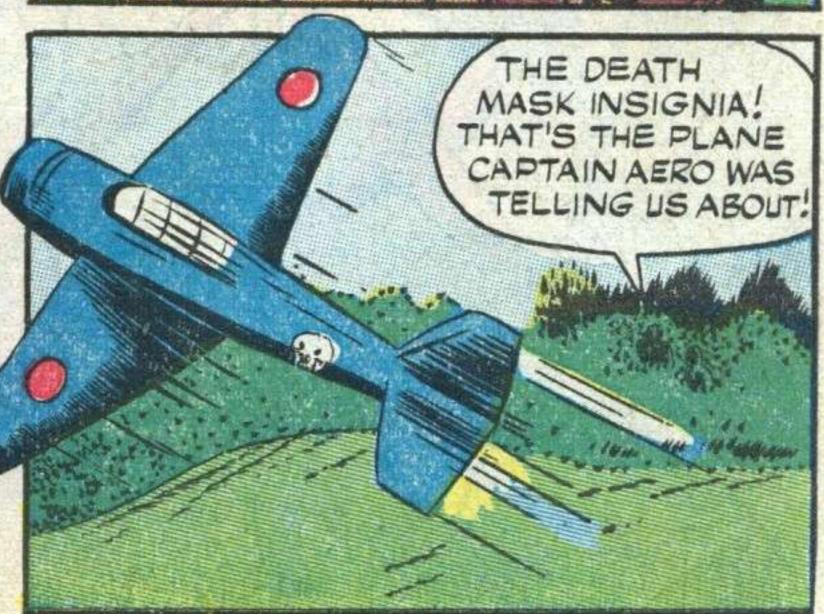
















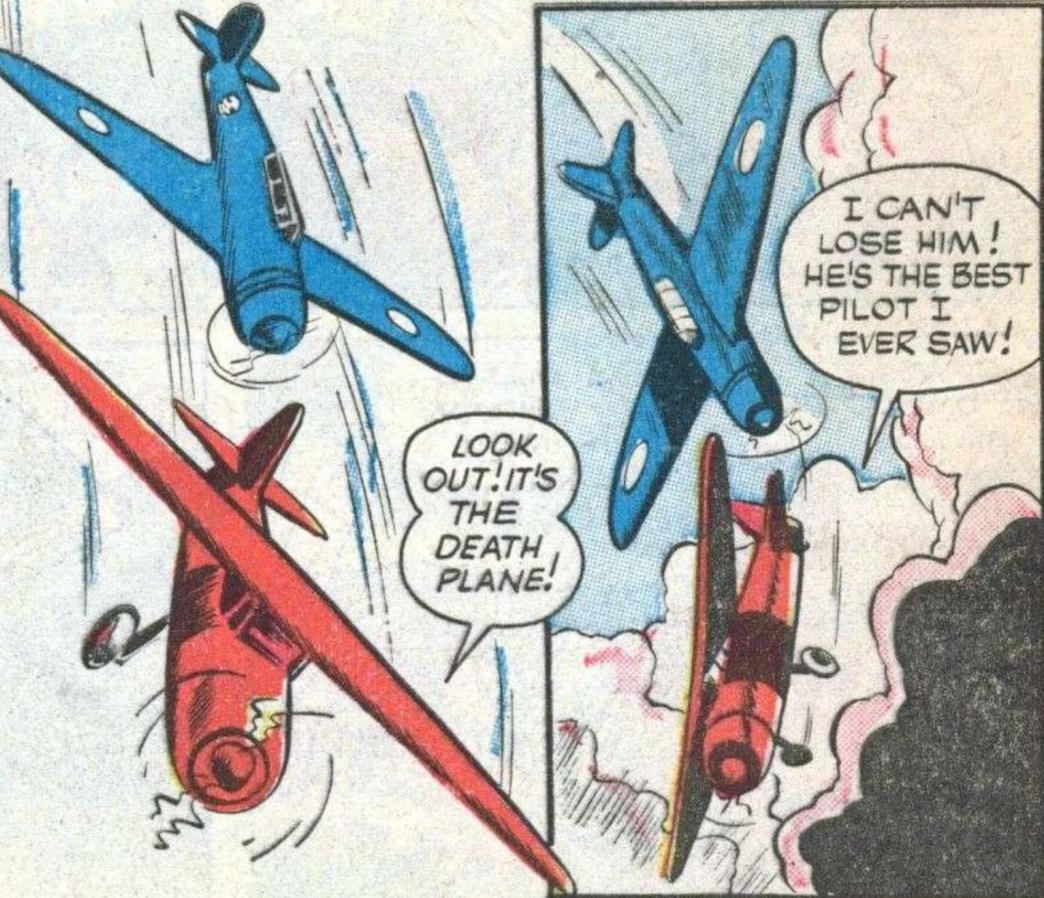


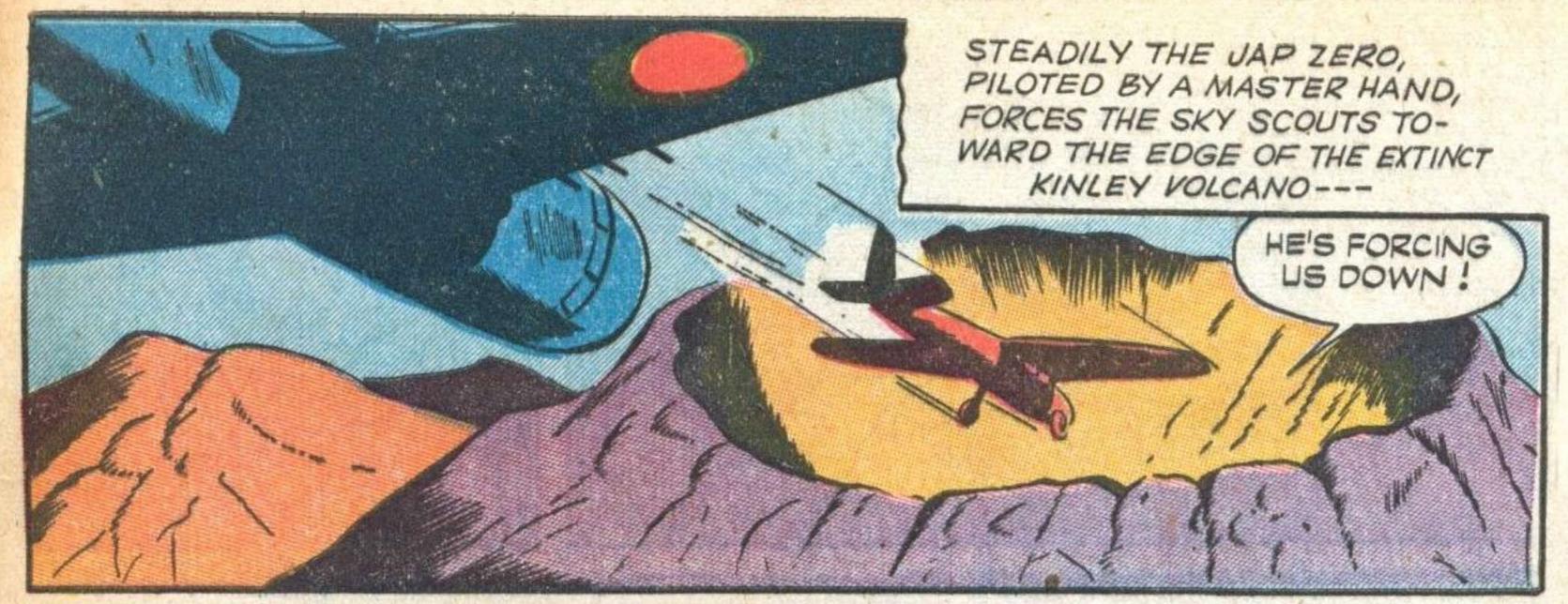






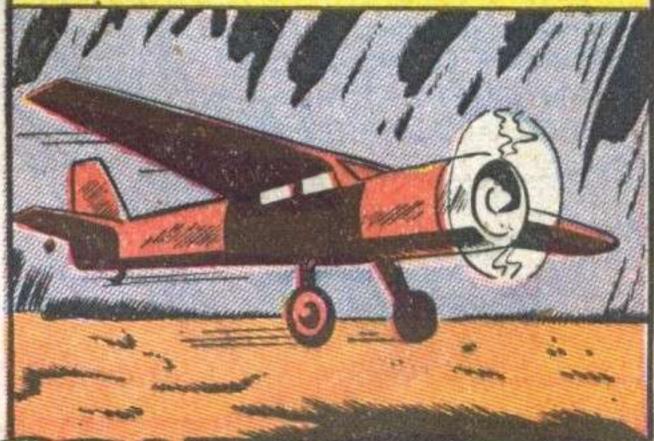
GUNS SCREAMING A SONG OF DEATH, THE JAP DIVES ON HIS PREY... ONE DAZZLING MANEUVER
FOLLOWS ANOTHER AS THE
SKY SCOUTS TRY VAINLY TO
ELUDE THEIR PURSUER







DOWN INTO THE SHADOWED FAST-NESS OF THE VOLCANIC CRATER GLIDES THE SKY SCOUTS' PLANE ...







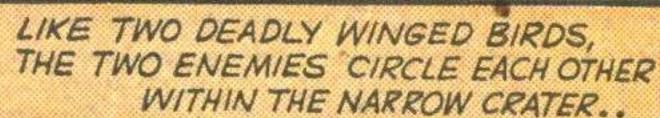
HERE IN THIS CRATER I AM SAFE FROM PRYING EYES! I CAN RAID YOUR TRANSPORT PLANES AND SHOOT THEM DOWN WITHOUT WARN-ING! BUT I WILL BE EVEN SAFER WHEN IT IS YOUR PLANE THAT I FLY!













AGAIN AND AGAIN THE TWO PLANES NARROWLY MISS COLLIDING AS THE TWO MASTER PILOTS STRUGGLE VAINLY FOR ADVANTAGE! AT LAST CAPTAIN AERO DIVES FOR THE CRATER AND ZOOMS SHARPLY UPWARD!



DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE VOLCANO!



LATER, AT AN AMERICAN AIR FORCE FIELD ...

YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, BOBBY?

THAT BULLET DETOURED OFF A RIB! IT WAS A CLOSE CALL--IF YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP HE'D HAVE KILLED JIMMY AND ME! HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM?



I KNEW HE WAS IN AMERICA! A RADIO OPERA-TOR ON ONE OF THE LOST SHIPS BROADCAST HIS DESCRIPTION WHEN HE ATTACKED THEM! THAT'S WHY I WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE PACIFIC! MY ORDERS WERE TO FIND AND DES-TROY HIM!

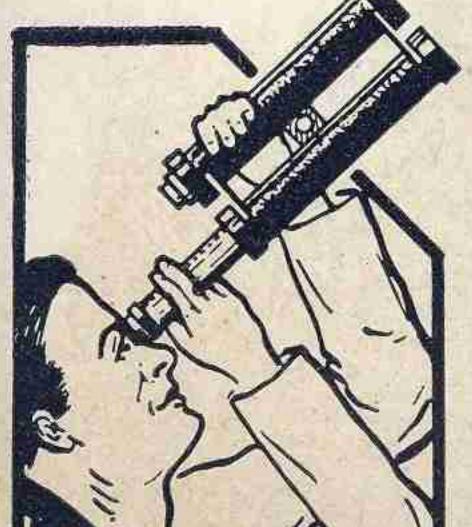




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